

Public Workshop Series 1 Response Form

As this planning process begins, it is useful to determine what it is that citizens, visitors, and property owners want the Bear Lake CMP Project to accomplish. To facilitate this, we have prepared a set of issue statements for you to consider. Please use this Workshop Response Form to tell us your views on the attached issue statements. If you need more space, feel free to attach additional sheets to this form. If you need more time, please mail this response form to Christopher Sands, BIO-WEST, Inc. 1063 West 1400 North, Logan, Utah 84321 by Friday, June 27, 2008. Thanks again for your participation!

Issue A1: Public Outreach and Education

Issue A2: Multi-Jurisdictional Responsibilities

Issue B1: Water Quality

Issue B2: Water Rights, Water Use, and Water Level Fluctuations

Issue C1: Recreation Development

Issue C2: Recreation Facilities

Issue C3: Recreational Use Conflicts

Issue C4: Collection and Use of Fees

Issue C5: Scenic Resources

Issue D1: Noxious and Invasive Weeds

Issue D2: Lake Fishery

Issue D3: Shoreline Erosion

Issue D4: Vegetation Management

Issue D5: Pest Control

Issue E1: Beach Access

Issue E2: Law Enforcement

Issue E3: Signage

Issue E4: Special Use Permitting

Issue E5: Boundary Settlements

Issue E6: Minerals Leasing

If you do not mind, please provide us with your name and address:

BEAR LAKE COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECT



Public Workshop #1

June 18, 2008: Garden City Offices Conference Building
June 19, 2008: Quality Inn Wasatch Room
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Welcome

Welcome to the Bear Lake Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) Project Public Workshop. We are glad you could attend and look forward to receiving your input on this important effort. This is the first in a series of three public workshops that will be held during the planning process to establish criteria and direction for management on Utah State sovereign lands at Bear Lake. The purpose of the CMP is to identify issues and concerns relative to the sovereign lands and resources at Bear Lake and propose alternatives to address those concerns.

This workshop is designed to facilitate your input, which will guide the development of the CMP document. At this workshop, we will make an approximately 20-minute-long presentation to familiarize you with the existing situation and preliminary issues for the CMP study area. Also, you will find a series of informational maps around the room identifying study area resources and other existing conditions. During the remainder of the

workshop, you will be given the opportunity to ask questions and provide us with your comments.

Please listen carefully to the presentation and take the time to familiarize yourself with the information included in this handout. Most importantly, let us know which resources or issues are significant to you by filling out the Workshop Response Form included in this handout. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask members of the Project Team who are here to listen to and answer your questions. Thanks again for participating!

Bear Lake CMP Project Schedule

The Bear Lake CMP Project is anticipated to occur over an approximate 10-month planning process, with an expected completion date of January 2009. During that time there are three phases of work—each comprised of three tasks—that will be completed, four meetings that will be held with a Planning Work Group, three public workshops that

will be facilitated, and one meeting with the Rich County Commission and the Bear Lake Commission that will be scheduled to approve the proposed CMP document. Each of the phases, work tasks, and meetings are shown in Figure 1.

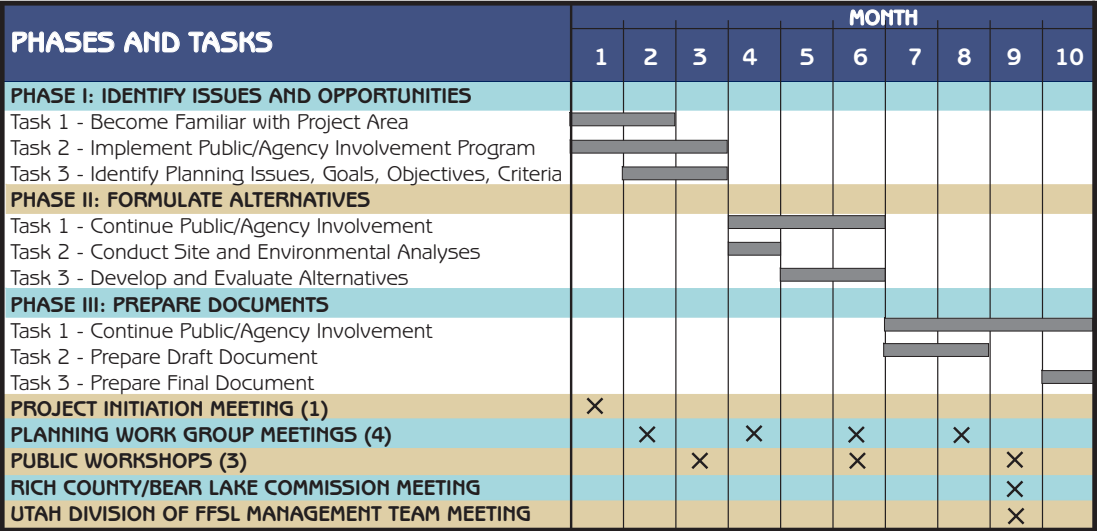


Figure 1. Schedule for the Bear Lake Comprehensive Management Plan.

Bear Lake CMP Framework

The framework for sovereign land management is found in the Utah Constitution, State Statute (primarily Chapter 65A-10), and Administrative Rule (R652). The Utah Constitution accepts sovereign lands to be held in trust for the people and managed according to the purposes for which the lands were acquired. Section 65A-2-1 of the Utah Code provides: “The Division [of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, FFSL] shall administer state lands under comprehensive land management programs using multiple-use sustained yield principles.” Briefly stated, the overarching management objectives of FFSL are to protect and sustain the trust resources and provide for reasonable beneficial uses of those resources, consistent with their long-term protection and conservation. This means that FFSL will manage Bear Lake’s sovereign land resources under multiple-use sustained yield principles, implementing legislative policies and accommodating public and private uses to the extent that those policies and uses do not compromise public trust obligations (Section 65A-10-1) and sustainability is maintained. Any beneficial use of public trust resources is subsidiary to long-term conservation of resources.

Bear Lake CMP Planning Unit

Lands subject to the Bear Lake CMP are limited to sovereign lands. For the purposes of the planning process, the planning unit will include sovereign lands beneath the elevation of 5,923.65 feet above mean sea level. All land and resources within and underneath this elevation constitute the planning unit. This elevation is designated by the Bear River Compact and subsequent documents that deal with the purposes and management of water in the Bear River Basin including the diversion, storage, and release of water from Bear Lake. Figure 2 shows the extent of the Bear Lake CMP Planning Unit.



Sovereign Land Classifications

Division rule (Section R652-70-200) allows for classification of sovereign land based upon current and planned uses:

- ✧ Class 1 - Manage to protect existing resource development uses.
- ✧ Class 2 - Manage to protect potential resource development options.
- ✧ Class 3 - Manage as open for consideration of any use.
- ✧ Class 4 - Manage for resource inventory and analysis (a temporary classification).
- ✧ Class 5 - Manage to protect potential resource preservation options.
- ✧ Class 6 - Manage to protect existing resource preservation uses.

Multiple-Use Framework

Division rule (Section 652-90-800) provides that comprehensive management plans shall consider the following multiple-use factors to achieve sovereign land-management objectives:

- ✧ the highest and best use(s) for the sovereign land resources in the planning unit;
- ✧ present and future use(s) for the sovereign land resources in the planning unit;
- ✧ suitability of the sovereign lands in the planning unit for the proposed uses;
- ✧ the impact of proposed use(s) on other sovereign land resources in the planning unit;
- ✧ the compatibility of possible use(s) as proposed by general public comments, application from prospective users, or division analysis; and
- ✧ the uniqueness, special attributes, and availability of resources in the planning unit.

